PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 15, 1953

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, JULY 15, 1953

Place: Office of the Director of Central Intelligence
Present: Messrs. Jackson, Smith, Kyes, Dulles and Morgan.

Agenda Item 1. Advisability of Extending Food Relief Offers to Certain Satellites

The Chairman presented recommendations which had been prepared by the PSB D-45 working group. The Board decided that information now available did not justify food offers to any of the satellites now, particularly in view of the harvest season and special circumstances which made possible our success in East Germany, but that the situation should be watched in all satellites for a favorable opportunity and both State and CIA would cable the field with instructions for this purpose. The Board also agreed to a State Department recommendation that meanwhile the President, perhaps in response to a question at a press conference, should summarize our efforts to aid East Germany with food and state our willingness to help the East European countries likewise in accordance with traditional American policies.

Agenda Item 2 is covered by a separate memorandum,

Agenda Item 3. Other Business

The Board noted the responses from Allies consulted about the Volunteer Freedom Corps had been unfavorable and agreed it would be better to wait until after the German elections before pushing the matter further.

George A. Morgan Acting Director

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